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Takanori KUOKAWA et al.) Group Art Unit: 3725
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Application No.: 10/802,815) Examiner: Not Assigned
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Filed: March 18, 2004)
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For: PRESS MOLDING DIE AND)
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF)
SAME)

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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. To the best of undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-referenced application. Further, each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language document.

According to the Chinese Office Action (enclosed), Chinese Patent Publication CN 1060881A discloses a press molding die and a method for manufacturing the same. The press molding die includes a concave portion and molding surface. The molding surface and a punch surface are coated with a chrome-containing surface plating, about 10-15 mm high.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the Patent and Trademark Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

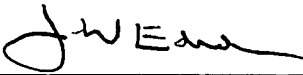
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